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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
IAN M. PENN, ET AL. ) : Examiner: M. Milano  
Appln. No.: To be assigned ) : Group Art Unit: 3738  
Filed: February 13, 2002 ) :  
For: EXPANDABLE STENT AND ) :  
METHOD FOR DELIVERY ) :  
OF SAME ) February 13, 2002

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

[This application is a continuation  
of U.S. Patent Appln. No. 09/672,767  
now allowed]

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND  
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, kindly amend  
the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Before the first line of the specification, kindly  
insert --This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent  
Appln. No. 09/672,767, filed September 29, 2000 (incorporated  
herein by reference), which is a continuation of U.S. Patent

Appln. No. 09/142,508, filed September 8, 1998, now U.S.

Patent No. 6,217,608 (incorporated herein by reference).--

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Kindly cancel Claims 2-23 without prejudice.

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents have been furnished in parent Appln. No. 09/672,767 and grandparent Appln. No. 09/142,508, filed September 8, 1998, now USP 6,217,608.

**CONCLUSION**

It is respectfully requested that the below-listed information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010.

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address given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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